

care. They are going to have a retirement plan. Why not have the same type of concern for the people that erect these buildings, that erect these plants? Those are the folks that I am concerned about here. I believe that we have the responsibility, as public policymakers, to look at these issues and to say, yes, Nebraska believes in Ethanol. We want to go on line, we want to be, and I am sorry that my Kansas colleagues are here to hear this, but, folks, we want to shut you out altogether. We want to become the center for ethanol production in the Midwest, and as a part of that, we want to ensure that our workers are taken care of as well, that the people that build these plants, that build these plants are protected by a Nebraska policy, that same policy that ensures that ethanol will be good for the entire state. Colleagues, this is one for, frankly, the urban folks. We pay the gas tax into the fund, and I know Senator McKenzie responded or reminded me that so do you. We pay a great portion of that. We pay and will pay to the income tax credit. We will help offset that. This is one for the urban folks in this bill. I would hope you would remind yourselves of Senator Coordsen's comments...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...yesterday that this is a proposal, this amendment, this package that Senator Wehrbein and McKenzie bring to us, is one that impacts all Nebraskans and that we ought to be one state, one Nebraska in terms of how we deal with this issue as it relates to ethanol, how we deal in the future with incentive programs that we allow. It ought to be something that we vote unanimously on because, frankly, this is the kind of public policy that people understand. We ought to take care of our workers. That is what this amendment does. I would urge adoption, Madam President, of the Hall amendment to the committee amendments, and I would ask that there be a roll call vote on this issue.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. We are looking for Senators Avery and Preister. Senator Preister. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Has the Sergeant at Arms located Senator Preister?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: I don't believe so. Let me...

SENATOR HALL: I would like to wait, but if he is on his way, we